

III. REMARKS

Claims 1-61 have been deleted and claims 62-74 have been added to conform to Group II of the Restriction Requirement of March 19, 2002, in the parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/781,081.

Support for new claim 62 is found, e.g., at page 9, lines 16-17; at page 50, example 1; and page 75, example 27A. Support for new claim 63 is found, e.g., at page 9, lines 16-17; at page 14, line 28; at page 50, example 1; and page 75, example 27A. Support for new claim 64 is found, e.g., at page 50, example 1; and page 75, example 27A. Support for new claim 65 is found, e.g., at page 4, line 35 to page 5, line 12; page 9, lines 16-17; page 31, lines 32-34; pages 50-52, examples 1-3; page 67, example 20; pages 71-72, examples 23 and 24 and page 75, example 27A.

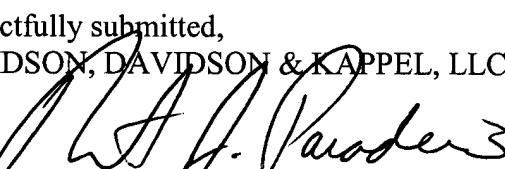
Further, support is found for new claims 66-68, e.g., at page 21, lines 9-22 and 26-31; and pages 53-62, examples 4-13. Support is found for new claim 69 at page 54, example 5; page 56, example 7; pages 59, example 10; and page 61, example 12, for example. Support for new claim 70 is found, e.g., at page 21, lines 9-22; and 26-31; at page 54, example 5; page 56, example 7; pages 59, example 10; and page 61, example 12. Support for new claims 71-72 is found, e.g., at page 24, lines 10-12. Support for new claims 73-74 is found, e.g., at page 5, lines 14-21.

No fee is believed to be due for this Preliminary Amendment. However, if it is determined that any fee is required, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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